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the following coal stocks were available to the East German railroads between 21 May and 20 June 1954:

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Expressed in days' requirements:

Railroad District	Date				
	21 May	23 May	25 May	18 June	20 June
Berlin	10.0	9.8	10.1	9.4	9.4
Greifswald	8.0	9.3	8.6	8.3	8.1
Schwerin	9.6	9.1	9.9	7.2	7.3
Magdeburg	8.3	9.2	10.0	5.1	4.7
Halbe	5.5	5.6	6.3	4.7	4.9
Erfurt	5.9	5.7	5.0	5.4	5.8
Dresden	6.3	6.2	6.1	4.5	4.6
Cottbus	6.7	6.7	6.4	4.3	4.1
Total	7.2	7.2	7.4	5.8	5.9

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Expressed in tons:

Date in May	For Locomotives		Shop Coal (in Terms of Briquette Units)
	Hard Coal	Brown Coal Briquettes	
21	74,700	35,400	23,200
23	73,800	33,500	23,600
25	75,600	32,400	23,500
18	45,700	43,300	25,000
20	42,300	43,100	25,100

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all locomotives of freight trains and shunting locomotives were to be fired by brown coal briquettes because of insufficient hard coal deliveries.

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Comment. In June, coal stocks decreased by about 1.5 days' requirements.

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2.  Comment. Since 42,300 tons of hard coal represent 63,450 tons of briquette units, the total coal stocks available on 20 June represented 106,550 tons of briquette units. According to the daily coal consumption quota of 18,341 tons of briquette units fixed for May, total coal stocks were adequate for 5.8 days' requirements.
3.  Comment. The critical hard coal situation of the East German railroads in April 1954 probably led to an agreement with Poland for increased hard coal imports from Upper Silesia. Within the framework of this agreement, hard coal originally earmarked for the USSR, so-called "Prom coal", was re-routed to the GDR. Hard coal continued to arrive at an increased rate until 2 June. The order that locomotives of freight trains and shunting locomotives be fired with brown coal briquettes may be connected to a sudden reduction of hard coal imports. It is also possible that the large-scale transportation operations resulting from the FDJ Whitsun Rally in Berlin caused special coal economy measures.

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